Notes from Meeting of September 1, 2009

In attendance: Dawn Lewis, Bill Lander, Bob Larson and Cheryl Rowell

- PSNH did an audit of Ellis School (similar to the audit done at the Town Hall) – Steve Quatrimony – reported that the school is in good shape except for the modulars (some minor recommendations).
- Jordan Institute report
  - the report provides some initial data to show the inefficiency of Ellis School
  - the next step would be to do an more extensive audit to show which retrofits would be most cost effective.
  - the cost of the audit would be approx. $14,000
  - the Jordan Institute does not do the work, but they contract it
  - the school does not have the $ to do this audit – would RGGI or ARRA funds be available to schools for something of this nature? Bill has contacted the OEP and talked to Eric Stoelzer – he mentioned that there is potential for more recovery $ (ARRA) - but municipalities would need to apply for the grant – Bob will clarify ARRA funding with Eric.
  - The FEC offered to help investigate potential sources of funding for this
  - Bill would like to meet with the institute for discussion – Gary O'Connell would be the contact – Bill has already tried to contact him, but has not been successful. Cheryl will try to set up a meeting.
- Energy Info School Assembly – It was thought that this was a great idea for both students and parents. Suggestions were to divide the students into age groups with appropriate information and also to try to have a parent night before heating season to provide pertinent info.
- Solar Project for Safety Complex – could we get the students involved. Suggestions: pennies for solar, car wash – maybe get the student council involved.
- GLEs – do include discussion on global warming in middle school classes
- Go Green committee at Ellis will start up again soon
- Computer Server - Dawn mentioned looking for a program to upgrade the computer server at Ellis – it is old and not energy efficient and has to be cooled when it is running. Bob suggested using the Kill a Watt measurement device to check the energy useage by the server to see how much could be saved by replacing it. Cheryl will help to look for some grant or trade in program for energy efficient school computers.